

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Rep. Hetherington Announces Deborah Edwards Appointment to State Council**



State Rep. John W. Hetherington, R-125th, New Canaan, Wilton, today announced the appointment of New Canaan Board of Education Member Deborah M. Edwards to the Connecticut Advisory Council for School Administrator Professional Standards.

Rep. Hetherington recommended Ms. Edwards, former chair of the New Canaan Board of Education, for the 17-member state advisory body that advises on standards and training for school administrators. House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-Northford, appointed Ms. Edwards.

In making the appointment, Rep. Ward said, “I hope your service in this position will be challenging and satisfying. I know the talents and expertise you bring to it will be of great value and service to our state and its citizens.”

Rep. Hetherington added, “Deb Edwards has been very involved in education, business and community service. She has chaired our board of education and served on the Superintendent Search Committee. She will make an excellent addition to this state board and help in its work of assuring high quality of school administrators throughout the state.”

In accepting the appointment, Ms Edwards, said, “I am honored to be asked to serve on the Advisory Council. Our school administrators face ever increasing challenges, both fiscal and educational. Maintaining high standards is part of the educational heritage in Connecticut. I hope that my experience in education and business can be brought to bear.

The state legislature created the council in 1992 to advise the state Board of Education, the governor and the legislature on school administrator preparation, training, certification, professional development, assessment and evaluation and professional discipline. It also reviews and comments on all regulations and other standards concerning administrator preparation programs and administrator certification. It also submits a yearly report to the legislature.

Ms. Edwards holds an M.B.A. degree from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a B.S. in speech and language pathology from Northwestern University.

In New Canaan, Ms. Edwards has served on numerous committees including the High School Facilities Study Committee and Town Bicentennial Birthday Committee. Married with two children, she is a former Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader.

Rep. Hetherington serves the 125th Assembly District of New Canaan and Wilton in the state House of Representatives.



Deborah Edwards